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Local Air Force associations honors four wing members

The General E.W. Rawlings Chapter of the Air Force Association and Chapter 858 of the Air Force Sergeants' Association hosted their joint annual awards dinner Nov. 12, at the Royal Cliff Banquet Facility in Eagan, Minn.

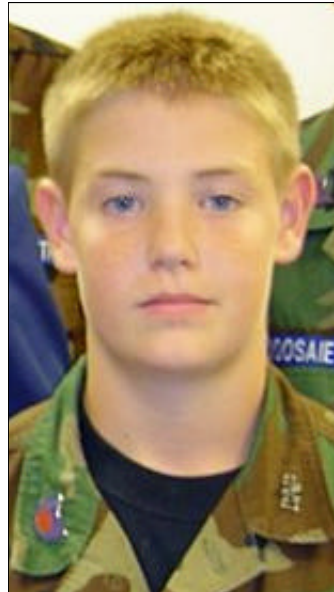
At this banquet, the associations' members recognized outstanding Minnesota members of the Air Force community, including active duty, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp and Civil Air Patrol members. Each organization named its own award winners.

Four members of Minnesota Wing were selected for such honors, including C/Tech. Sgt. Mitchell T. Arnet, North Hennepin Squadron; C/2nd Lt. Joshua J. Waddell, Viking Squadron; 2nd Lt. Andrew G. Bosshart, Anoka Squadron; and Lt. Col. Stanley H. Kegel, Jr., wing headquarters. Their nomination letters follow.

C/Tech. Sgt. Mitchell T. Arnet, North Hennepin Squadron, was recognized for his outstanding leadership in cadet aerospace education. He has been a

strong force in his unit's aerospace program not only by his own enthusiasm but also by his willingness to share his excitement with fellow cadets. Each month, he helped with classes for the aerospace excellence program, where he did outlines for these classes and presented several classes himself. He typed up the class outcome with attendance records and sent them to CAP National Headquarters. Because of Arnet's efforts and dedication, this unit achieved the 2004 Aerospace Excellence Award.

C/2nd Lt. Joshua J. Waddell, Viking Squadron, was recognized for his outstanding leadership in cadet programs. He was selected as the Viking Squadron Cadet of the Quarter (first quarter of 2003) and Viking Squadron 2003 Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year. He served more than a year as a flight commander, and produced some of the sharpest cadets to date. He served in the squadron color guard and has been involved in planning some of the unit cadet activities and emergency



C/Tech. Sgt. Mitchell T. Arnet, North Hennepin Composite Squadron.



C/2nd Lt. Joshua J. Waddell, Viking Composite Squadron.



2nd Lt. Andrew G. Bosshart, Anoka Composite Squadron.



Lt. Col. Stanley H. Kegel, Jr., Minnesota Wing headquarters.

Commander's Column: Wing staff obtain building permits

by Col. Steve Miller,
wing commander

Well, it's finally happened. We have been granted permits from the cities of South St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights to begin the building of our new wing maintenance facility.

Obtaining these permits has been a process that has taken many months. Our original plan was to have the facility completed by fall of 2004. Many obstacles came up in the process. At this point, those obstacles have all been overcome. Machinery will begin moving dirt in December. Watch for more news on the new facility.

We need your help. We have several open positions at wing headquarters. Please think about assisting the wing with your time and talents. You will help the wing and see another side of Civil Air Patrol.

In his last year of command, Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling began a program to bring to everyone's mind the importance of safety in



Col. Steve Miller

all we do. His team came up with a safety pledge. At every national activity I have attended, including National Staff College, two National Conferences and two National Board meetings, this pledge was read by all attendees after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our current national commander, Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless, is continuing with this practice. At the wing headquarters staff meetings, we will be reciting this pledge, too. I encourage all units to use this pledge as a part of each meeting. The pledge is as follows:

"I pledge to do my part to foster a safe environment

during all CAP activities, to be a responsible steward of CAP resources and to fully prepare myself for the challenging missions that serve America."

With all of the extra travel that takes place around the holidays, let's all be cog-

nizant of the safety factor. Icy roads, low tire pressure, unscrapped windows can all contribute to an unsafe driving situation. Be alert, be safe and have a happy, holiday season.

-Semper Vigilans

Weather or not You just can't have enough

*Lt. Col. Nick Modders,
130th Squadron*

For pilots, aircrew members and ground teams, there can never be enough weather information to help with mission and/or flight planning.

Along Minnesota's roadways, there are 92 weather sensors mounted at the edge of the roadway right-of-way. They stand about 30-feet tall with the airport like sensors, such as anemometer, wind direction gauge (which looks like the outline of an aircraft fuselage) and a rain gauge, all mounted on the 30-foot tower.

What is measured at these Road Way Information Service, or RWIS, sites?

For the ground team and aviators, the items of interest include: air temperature, dew point, precipitation, precipitation intensity, visibility, wind direction and wind speed.

For the highway mainte-

nance persons, it provides the temperature of the roadway surface, as well as if its wet. One item pilots will note missing from all of this information is cloud height.

To enjoy a more complete weather reporting system than is offered by aviation only weather reports, see www.rwis.dot.state.mn.us. There, you will find the aviation reporting stations shown on the RWIS information tables. It's kind of one stop weather shopping.

For those interested in actually seeing the weather, click on the "Camera Map" offering on the right sidebar of the RWIS website to access 15 camera sites that view adjacent highways.

Your aviation weather coverage will be greatly enhanced by taking advantage of this service; and who knows, there may be a camera on an RWIS site near your objective that will give you a look at the big picture.

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services exercises. He also served as the cadet deputy commander for the unit and was recently selected as cadet commander. Waddell was honored at the 2003 Minnesota Wing encampment as the encampment's distinguished graduate.

2nd Lt. Andrew G.

Bosshart, Anoka Squadron, was recognized for outstanding leadership in emergency services training. His great enthusiasm for the emergency services program has given his unit a huge "shot in the arm." His mission was to make the squadron a leader in emergency services. He held emergency services classes for the unit cadets and seniors, providing a review prior to taking the new exams. He demonstrated how members could navigate through the new emergency services qualification requirements, bringing everyone up to date. Although Bosshart is new

to CAP, he provided a very realistic scenario for a recent training mission.

Lt. Col. Stanley H. Kegel,

Jr., wing headquarters, was recognized for outstanding leadership in mission command and control. Kegel has done an excellent job as the wing's director of emergency services for the last three years. In recent weeks, he orchestrated three major search and rescue training exercises and a unit-based exercise. These events consumed a tremendous amount of his time. Kegel additionally arranged to have adequate staff at each event and arranged for the funding for these missions. This year's unit-based exercise was particularly difficult to manage because the funding for this mission was changing and there was a need for continuous communication between wing and the units. Kegel's efforts will ensure the mission readiness of the entire wing.

Aircrew locates crash site

By Lt. Col. Keith Bischoff, Incident Commander

The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center requested Minnesota Wing assistance in locating an overdue and missing Cessna-182 on Sept. 26. Aircrew teams from Hutchinson, St. Cloud and Pipestone squadrons were dispatched for the search. The St Cloud crew located the crash site one mile off the runway at Morris, Minn.

The pilot had departed Morris around 5:30 a.m. that day and was heading for a fuel stop in Red Oak, Iowa, with a final destination in Kansas. He never arrived in Red Oak. No radar data was available and no emergency locator transmission signal was heard. Unfortunately, the pilot and only occupant of the aircraft was found deceased.

2004 Minnesota Leadership Academy honors recognized

Basic Cadet Officer Course Honor Graduates:

Alpha Seminar: C/Tech. Sgt. Laura Broker, St. Cloud
Bravo Seminar: C/Master Sgt. Sara Anderson, Anoka

Basic Cadet Officer Distinguished Graduate:

C/2nd Lt. Joshua Waddell, Viking

BCOC Outstanding Seminar Leader:

C/Capt. Brian Anderson, 130th

Non-commissioned Officer School Honor Graduates:

Alpha: C/Senior Airman Grace Burgio, St. Croix
Bravo: C/Tech. Sgt. Nathan Lundeen, North Hennepin
Charlie: C/Senior Airman Luck Dicosimo, 130th
Delta: C/Senior Airman Andrew Puckett, Hutchinson
Echo: C/Airman 1st Class Nathan Tyner, Crow Wing

NCOS Distinguished Graduate -- Lt. Col. Bruce

Sexton Plaque: C/Airman 1st Class Althea Johnston, Duluth, (presented by Lt. Col. Bruce Sexton himself)

NCOS-Best Presentation Awards:

Alpha: C/Senior Airman Nathan Schwartzbauer, Viking
Bravo: C/Tech. Sgt. Paul Austin, Red Wing
Charlie: C/Airman 1st Class Trevor Mathison, Fort Snelling
Delta: C/Senior Airman Katelyn Streng, Valley
Echo: C/Master Sgt. Aaron Lillemo, 130

NCOS Best Overall Presentation Plaque:

C/Tech. Sgt. Paul Austin, Red Wing

Minnesota Wing Flight Academy 2005 Now Accepting Applications!!!



Flight academy provides flight training in a powered (Cessna 172) or glider (Blaik L23) with emphasis on skills to the fly the aircraft on a supervised solo. A high percentage of the students achieve their solo flight.

July 15-23, 2005

Applications accepted until Jan. 31, 2005

For prerequisites and information on how to apply see:
www.mncap.org/cp/flightacademy

Senior member and cadet officer promotions

Lt. Col. Robert Johnson, Crow Wing
Lt. Col. John Tarpy, Ft. Snelling
Maj. Ellen Browning, Red Wing
Maj. William Hewitt, Owatonna
Maj. Chet Wilberg, Hutchinson
Capt. Daniel Barto, Crow Wing
Capt. Norville Pervier, Crow Wing
Capt. James Hetherington, Viking
Capt. Steven Jurvelin, Grand Rapids
Capt. Ernest Moen, Valley
Capt. Rod Thompson, Grand Rapids
Capt. Richard Yeager, Cass County
1st Lt. Steven Homan, Red Wing
1st Lt. Scott Johnson, Saint Paul
2nd Lt. Michael Anderson, St. Paul
2nd Lt. William Cammack, Saint Paul
2nd Lt. Penny Hadrava, Grand Rapids
2nd Lt. Paul Markegard, Saint Paul
2nd Lt. Bruce Windorski, Grand Rapids
C/Lt. Col. Christina Dalbec, Duluth
C/Capt. Brian Anderson, 130th Squadron
C/2nd Lt. Timothy Jensen, Crow Wing
C/2nd Lt. Sarah Pfingsten, Crow Wing
C/2nd Lt. John Sellen, Valley
C/2nd Lt. Jason Suby, Viking

Viking sends holiday cheer to troops overseas

In an effort to send a little bit of home to American troops serving abroad this holiday season, Viking Squadron collected more than 520 pounds of goodies and toiletries, as well as the more than \$700 needed to mail the goodies.

More than 21 parcels were shipped to a CAP unit in Ramstein, Germany, for transportation to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, where wounded soldiers will receive the goods. An additional 10 parcels were sent directly to troops in Iraq.



Lt. Col. Barney Uhlig, Viking, packs up soap for soldiers serving in Iraq.



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